

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Specification is objected to because the Examiner states that the spacing makes reading and entry of amendments difficult. Pursuant to the request of the Examiner, Applicants have attached a substitute Specification to this Response as Appendix A. The substitute Specification is double-spaced. All amendments to the Specification requested herein will refer to the page and line numbers of the substitute Specification.

Applicants amend the paragraph beginning "This application shares a common specification with . . ." on Page 1, line 3 of the Specification as follows:

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This application shares a common specification with U.S. Application No. 09/773,684 filed on January 31, 2001 for a "System and Method for Assisting in Product Selection Identifying a Product for use with a Computing Device."

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Applicants amend the paragraph beginning "Host 812 and server 850 are coupled to network 852 . . ." on Page 32, line 12 of the Specification as follows:

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Host 812 and server 850 are coupled to network 852. Host 812 may be the same or similar to host 112 of FIGURE 1. Like Host 112 of FIGURE 1, Host 812 may include a hard drive 822. Server 850 is operable to communicate with host 812 and to identify a product for use with host 812. In one embodiment, an application 848 resides at server 850, and host 812 downloads and executes the application 848 to identify available interfaces in host 812 and/or identify a product for use with host 812. In one embodiment, server 850 includes a web portal 854, and a user of host 812 may access the web portal 854 through network 852. Server 850 may comprise any suitable hardware, software, firmware, or combination thereof operable to communicate with host 812 over network 852.

Applicants amend the paragraph beginning "Although FIGURE 8 illustrates one embodiment of a system 800 . . ." on Page 35, line 12 of the Specification as follows:

A3 Although FIGURE 8 illustrates one embodiment of a system 800 for identifying a product for use with a computing device 812, various changes may be made to system 800 without departing from the scope of the present invention. For example, although application 848 is described as identifying and/or recommending a product for use with host 812, this functionality may be divided between application 848 and server 850. In one embodiment, application 848 may identify the types of interfaces available in host 812 and communicate this information to server 850. In this embodiment, server 850 may identify one or more products for use with host 812 and communicate this information to host 812. Also, application 848 may be delivered to host 812 using any suitable method. As an example, application 848 may be placed on a CD, which is then placed into a CD drive 826 in host 812. Other changes may be made to system 800 without departing from the scope of the present invention.